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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT FOLLOW-UP: NIGERIAN LNG

REF: (A) STATE 037819, (B) STATE 081351, (C) 77 STATE 287827

1. EMBASSY PETROFF DISCUSSED LNG PROJECT STATUS WITH
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PHILLIPS AND VISITING PHILLIPS
OFFICIALS IN MID-MARCH. THEY SAID NEW SHAREHOLDER'S
AGREEMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. IMEG HAD REPORTEDLY
SUBMITTED FINAL GAS GATHERING SYSTEM DESIGN TO NNPC, BUT
S.A. AKPE HAD DECLINED TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT
GATHERING SYSTEM TO PHILLIPS AND OTHER PARTNERS UNTIL
SHAREHOLDER'S AGREEMENT SIGNED. NO PRICE HAD YET BEEN SET
FOR LNG. PHILLIPS OFFICIALS ALSO FELT THAT BIGGEST UNKNOWN
IN WHOLE EQUATION IS LIKELIHOOD OF EVENTUAL FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF NIGERIAN LNG IMPORTS
WHICH IN TURN DEPENDS ON SHAPE U.S. OVERALL ENERGY POLICY TAKES.
PHILLIPS NEGOTIATING TEAM HEADED BY NAGEL WILL RETURN IN
MAY, AND OFFICIALS VENTURED OPINION THAT SHAREHOLDER'S
AGREEMENT MIGHT BE SIGNED IN LATE MAY OR JUNE. THEY ALSO
ESTIMATED IT WOULD BE TWO YEARS AFTER SIGNING OF SHAREHOLDER'S
AGREEMENT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION COULD BEGIN (SAY BY MID-1980)
AND AT LEAST 5 YEARS BEFORE ANY LNG EXPORTED (MID-1983).

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2. CHECK WITH PHILLIPS MANAGING DIRECTOR APRIL 24 INDICATES
NO CHANGE IN ABOVE STATUS. DO NOT THINK CURRENT BUDGET
RESTRICTIONS WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT ON LNG PROJECT.
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